



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
DAY OF THE AMERICAN COWBOY
JULY 28, 2007

WHEREAS, pioneering men and women, recognized as cowboys, helped establish the American West, and their spirit continues to infuse this country with its solid character, sound family values, and good common sense; and

WHEREAS, the cowboy embodies honesty, integrity, courage, compassion, respect, a strong work ethic, and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, the cowboy loves, lives off of, and depends on the land and its creatures, and is an excellent steward, protecting and enhancing the environment while continuing to play a significant role in the culture and economy of the United States; and

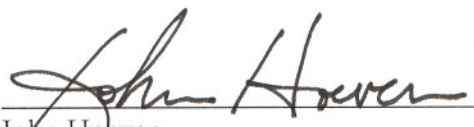
WHEREAS, approximately 800,000 ranchers are conducting business in all 50 States and are contributing to the economic well being of nearly every county in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, rodeo is the sixth most-watched sport in the United States, and membership in rodeo and other organizations encompassing the livelihood of a cowboy transcends race and sex and spans every generation; and

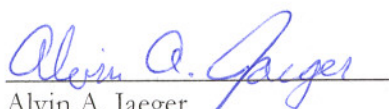
WHEREAS, the cowboy is an American icon; and

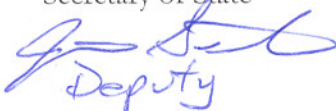
WHEREAS, to recognize the American cowboy is to acknowledge the ongoing commitment of the United States to an esteemed and enduring code of conduct, and the ongoing contributions made by cowboys to their communities should be recognized and encouraged.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim July 28, 2007, **DAY OF THE AMERICAN COWBOY** in the state of North Dakota.


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